

**CLARK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES – August 20, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Gonzales  
Kim Russell  
Jack Mannion  
Eddie Gomez

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Laura Spina  
Verlie Doing  
Deanna Wright

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jane Pike, Acting Director, Parks & Recreation  
Steven Corry, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation  
Mindy Meyers, Manager, Parks & Recreation  
Russ Thompson, Sr. Management Analyst, Parks & Recreation  
Bruce Sillitoe, Manager, Comprehensive Planning  
Justin Williams, Sr. Planner, Comprehensive Planning  
Scott Hagen, Sr. Planner, Comprehensive Planning

- I. Call to Order  
Richard Gonzales, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05a.m.
- II. Approval of July 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes  
Approval of the July 16, 2009 meeting minutes was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote
- III. Approval of Agenda  
Approval of the agenda was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

**Business**

**A. Parks, Trails and Open Space Review**  
**Justin Williams / Scott Hagen**

- Strategic plan of park facilities to move forward from the present to the year 2035
- In urban area the average residential population is approximately 20 people per acre
- In rural area the average residential population is 1.25 people per acre
- Clark County provides a variety of park, trail and open space facilities
- Statistics show the average American spends approx. 5 hours a day on leisure activities
- The largest cost associated with existing facilities is Operations and Maintenance
- At some point the facilities will require some amount of rehabilitation
- Funding from Clark County parks mainly comes from Federal and State grants
- A funding analysis should be included as a part of the planning process
- During the last decade, County has been working with developers to create a trail system
- County is responsible for recreational trail in unincorporated urban and rural areas
- Difficult to measure trail facility because trails do not have specific controlled access points

- Funding for trails come from the SNPLMA
- Funding source cannot be used for the operation and maintenance of the trails
- In 1995 County began the creation of open space 2,500 acres of Wetlands Park
- In 2003 County acquire 1,200 acres Gypsum Ridge area

**B. Artificial/Synthetic Turf**

**Russ Thompson**

- Synthetic turf is made out of plastic glass fiber
- Synthetic turf can be used within hours of installation, and in all types of weather
- Using synthetic turn eliminates the need for water, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers
- Typically warranted for about 3,000 hours of play per year
- Statistics have shown that synthetic turf is hotter than natural grass
- A more specialize maintenance is need on synthetic turf
- Tree sap and gum need to be removed by hand
- Natural turf lessens global warning by absorbing carbon dioxide gases
- Natural turf saves energy and reduces fire hazard risk
- Natural grass fields require less renovation

**IV. Public Input**

**Kim Russell**

Looking over the report she did not see promoting public health.

Public safety should be on the Parks and Trails report.

There is a concern for the neighborhood where the parks are being built

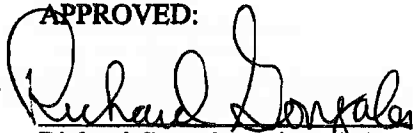
**Jack Mannion**

Are all trails for walking, bike riding and jogging?

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 12:45p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Richard Gonzales, Vice Chair  
Parks and Recreation Advisory

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
Jane Pike, Acting Director  
Clark County Parks and Recreation